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SUBJ: CSCE: CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES

1. AUSTRIAN MAJOR GENERAL M W KUNTNER WHO HAS BECOME DEAN OF NEUTRAL DELEGATES TO SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY SECURITY, APPROACHED US REP ON SEPTEMBER 30, AND ASKED WHY USG WAS OPPOSED TO THE PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MOVEMENTS. KUNTNER SAID THAT IF THE US DEL COULD EXPLAIN ITS OPPOSITION, HE WOULD GIVE THE US RATIONALE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND PERHAPS COME UP WITH AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL WHICH MIGHT BE LESS OBJECT-IONABLE. AUSTRIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, KUNTNER ADDED, WERE VERY MUCH CONCERNED WITH TROOP MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF HUNGARY.

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2. US REP REPLIED BY SAYING HE UNDERSTOOD AUSTRIAN AND YUGOSLAV CONCERNS AND WONDERED WHTAT THE BASIS WAS

FOR KUNTNER'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE US POSITION. KUNTNER CLAIMED SEVERAL NATO DELEGATIONS HAD INFORMED HIM OF THE US POSITION. US REP SAID WE WERE CONTINUING TO FOLLOW THE DISCUSSION VERY CLOSELY AND OTHERWISE MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT.

3. AT NATO CAUCUS ON OCTOBER 1, US REP REPORTED THE FOREGOING AND POINTED OUT DIFFICULTIES DISCUSSION OF SUCH SENSITIVE NATO MATTERS WITH NEUTRALS CREATED FOR US DEL. CAUCUS AGREED THAT ALL NATO DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A COMMON POSITION AND THAT US DEL WOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO REMAIN SILENT IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE WHEN THE QUESTION OF MOVEMENTS ARISES. IT WAS ALSO CONSIDERED SOUND TACTICALLY TO TRY TO PORTPONE ANY DISCUSSION OF MOVEMENTS UNTIL AFTER SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IS MADE ON THE QUESTION OF MANEUVERS.

4. IN CONCLUDING DISCUSSION ON THIS POINT, ALLIES ONCE AGAIN PRESSED HARD FOR A TEXT ACCEPTABLE TO THE USG AS A COUNTER TO SOVIET PROPOSAL TYING MOVEMENTS TO FOLLOW-UP.

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